

Atlantic Relocation Services Oil Spill, Indianapolis, Hamilton County, Indiana

Press Interest/Coverage: Low

On March 11, 2015, local response agencies responded to diesel fuel discharge coming from a business park in Indianapolis, Indiana. Fishers Fire Department deployed oil sorbents in waters including Cheeney Creek, a tributary to West Fork White River. FFD notified the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and IDEM mobilized a spill response contractor to begin oil containment and removal. Heavy oil sheen was visible in Cheeney Creek over 2 miles downstream at the confluence with White River; however, oil sheen has not been visible in White River. Surface water intakes for Indianapolis municipal drinking water are located approximately ten miles downstream of Cheeney Creek. Approximately 20 homes bordering Cheeney Creek and White River are on private water well, but the wells are not expected to be impacted by a source located 2 miles away. IDEM identified the oil source as an 8000 gallons above ground storage tank (AST) at Atlantic Relocation Systems (moving company). IDEM notified Atlantic of their oil discharge. Atlantic waited until 3/12/15 to mobilize a contractor and the contractor was only deployed to cleanup oil 'onsite'. Atlantic advised they would confirm the offsite oil was theirs by lab analysis before taking responsibility. IDEM requested Region 5 assistance with oil sample analysis ('fingerprint') at the USCG Marine Safety Lab (MRL). On 3/13/15, OSC Jason Sewell responded and mobilized START to take possession of and ship oil samples to MRL. Sewell issued a Notice of Federal Interest to Atlantic. At 11:20AM, Atlantic agreed to take over responsibility for all onsite and offsite oil response as of 3:00PM. However, Atlantic failed to secure contractual arrangements for a response by 5PM and IDEM requested Region 5 assistance with taking over oil response operations. Atlantic went on to secure contractors shortly after and OSC Sewell and START began performing PRP oversight of oil removal. Incident Action Plans are being used to manage the PRP and response actions. POLREPs are being used to report cleanup progress. Oil removal actions included 24 hour operations, placement of additional containment boom and sorbents, and oil collection by vacuum truck. A frac tank and dumpster were mobilized for waste consolidation prior to disposal. Wastes to date include approximately: 1,200 gallons of oil, 17,000 gallons of oily water, 10-15 drums of oil soaked sorbents, and 1 drum of oil sludge. Cleanup operations are expected to last another week and include removal of oil soaked vegetation and debris along Cheeney Creek. On 3/16/15, OSC Sewell met with IDEM and Hamilton County Health Department and several residences to answer questions about the response.

For more information, see www.epaosc.org/atlanticrelocationoilspill

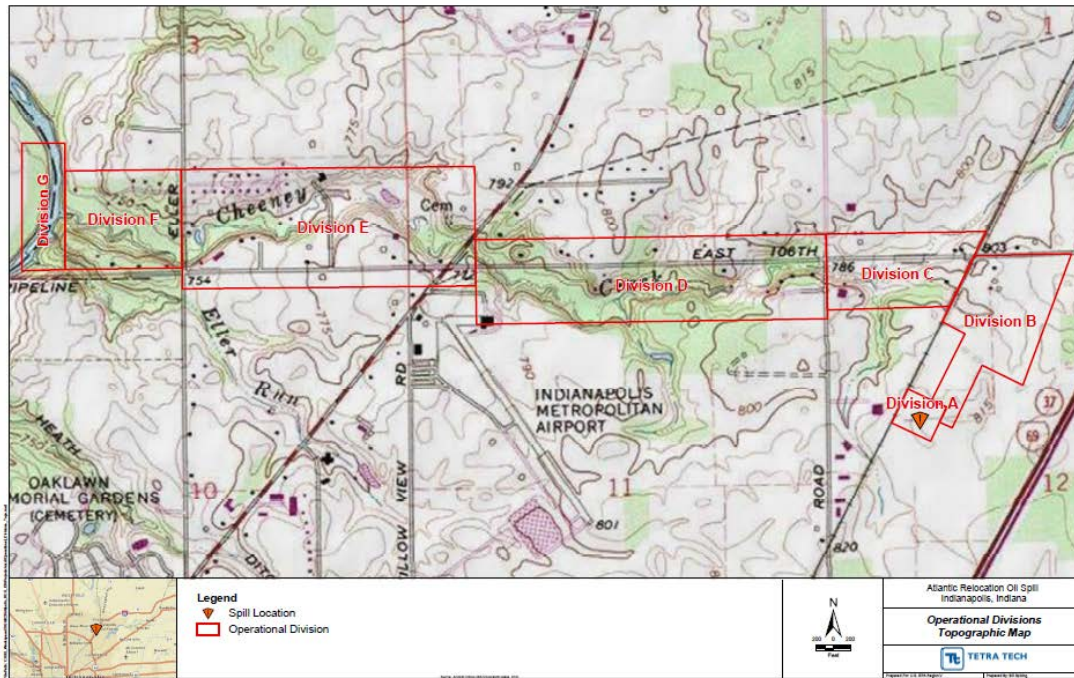
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Atlantic's 8,000 gallon diesel fuel AST.



Oil discharging from storm sewer outfall into cattail marsh, private pond, and Cheeney Creek.



The OSC divided the Atlantic oil spill area into geographical response divisions to improve manageability of the response.